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**National Child Welfare Fund**

1454. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have constituted a National Child Welfare Fund (Rashtriya Shishu Nidhi);
- (b) if so, when this fund was constituted; and
- (c) the number of proposals, submitted by Madhya Pradesh State Government for seeking assistance from this fund, which are pending with Union Government and by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Vocational Education in Secondary Schools in U.P.**

1455. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of secondary schools in Uttar Pradesh providing vocational education, district-wise;
- (b) whether the Government are providing trained teachers and required quantity of educational material to these schools; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Education at +2 level, Government of Uttar Pradesh has been providing Vocational Education in 810 schools in 66 Districts.

(b) and (c) The State Government has appointed Guest Lecturers at the school level. Short Term training for these Guest Lecturers has been organised. Schools are using text books and instructional material prepared by State Board of Secondary Education and Central Institute of Vocational Education, Bhopal.

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**Hepatitis-B Vaccine**

1456. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering the inclusion of the Hepatitis-B vaccine in the national child immunisation programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) Incomplete epidemiological data on Hepatitis-B carrier status in our vast country, less than 2% liver cancer due to Hepatitis-B infection, very high cost of imported vaccine for immunizing 25 million new-born every year with three requisite doses of vaccine (Approx. Rs.1 crore per district per year) and many more priority health problems than Hepatitis-B vaccination in our National Immunization schedule.

**Pulse Polio Programme**

1457. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH:  
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:  
SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently carried out extensive programme of Polio immunisation all over the country;
- (b) if so, whether the assessment regarding response to the programme all over the country has been carried out;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government have collected information regarding the children under the age of five vaccinated against polio in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) the details of expenditure incurred during the drive and target set for the current year;
- (g) whether there are some countries in which this disease has been eradicated; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The requisite details, State-wise, are given at Statement -I, II annexed herewith.

(f) Approximately Rs. 170 crores was spent in cash and kind on procurement of vaccines and for support to States for IEC, mobility and social mobilisation to meet the target. All children below 5 years of age are to be covered under the Programme.

(g) to (h) The Countries in North and South America have been certified to be free of indigenous Poliomyelitis.